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The average daily circulation of the
Barre Daily Times for the week ending
Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of
any daily paper in this section.

The town of Cabot can't afford to lose
that \$10,000 gift for a new library.

When a high man goes wrong these
days he is "mentally unbalanced," rather
than morally askew.

"There are no parlor cars in the Ameri-
can church," is Bishop Ingram's succinct
way of commenting on the democracy
of religious life in the United States.
Likewise, he might have carried the figure
still further by saying that there are
quite a number of slow freights.

During the past twenty years there
were one million, three hundred thousand
unhappy married couples in the United
States who took their affairs into court,
while the number who kept the family
skeleton concealed in the closet is not
to be numbered. Of the former class,
about two-thirds were successful in hav-
ing the marriage ties severed. No wonder
that church and organizations, notably
the Catholic church recently, are
taking steps to make such a condition of
affairs as unlikely as possible.

Americans are being urged to look for
the colored gentleman under the wood-
pile every time a Japanese says a nice
thing about the United States. Still we
dislike to think that the following from
the director of the imperial railways of
Japan, as told to a reporter in Boston, is
a sweetened knock-out drop or even a
sugar-coated pill: "Never since our
treaty with Commodore Perry, whom we
regard as the father of our country, have
the Japanese felt anything but the
strongest affection for the people of the
United States." American people cer-
tainly hope to retain the good opinion
of the Nippons if they are not com-
pelled thereby to sacrifice any self-re-
spect.

THE PRESSURE ON ROOSEVELT.

John E. Harris, better known up
around Danville as "Jack," who recently
took his annual pilgrimage to the na-
tional capital, writes back to the Mont-
pelier Journal what he has seen and
heard about the presidency, that is the
Republican side of the presidency. From
the letter we learn that a tremendous
pressure is being brought to bear on
President Roosevelt to consent to a re-
nomination. Says Harris: "Today
Washington is the focus of a mighty and
tremendous effort to force a re-nomi-
nation on President Roosevelt. Hundreds
of the most influential citizens of their
respective states are coming every week
to labor most strenuously with him to
the end that he will not persist in his
refusal to allow his name to be used.
Such mighty pressure was never brought
to bear on a man before. Whole states
are solidly clamoring for him, and I do
not believe it to be in the power of
mortal man to resist the pressure." This
leads Harris to predict that Roosevelt
will be nominated "with such a mighty
and unanimous acclaim as never before
arose from a mass of men."

Harris is a Roosevelt man without ques-
tion, as can be gathered from the tenor
of his remarks, but it is certainly true,
if one can judge of other reports from
the capital as well as his, that Roose-
velt is laboring under a great tempta-
tion; indeed, under the demand of a duty
yet but half accomplished. Whether he
weakens to the temptation or surrenders
to a call of duty is the one pulsating
question of the hour. Harris may be
right in his prediction, but a great many
people will be surprised if it comes true.

THE CHAIN LETTER HUMBUG
AGAIN.

The chain letter scheme for gulling
people, if not for mulling them of their
coin, is of such frequent appearance that
it seems unnecessary to refer to it in
these columns. But our attention has
been called to one ramification of the
plan that is so particularly sly that it
needs mentioning. It is of the
"endless prayer" kind, harmless and ab-
solutely foolish in conception. The letter
starts off with the information that it
was received by the friend of the sender,
with the adjuration to copy and send to
nine friends "and see what happens."

And this is the way the prayer runs:
"O Lord Jesus, we implore Thee to have
mercy on all mankind and keep us from
all evil by Thy precious blood and take
us to be with Thee eternally. Amen."
That is a sensible enough prayer, to be
sure, when prayed in a sensible manner
and with an understanding of its im-
port. But prayed in this chain letter
manner, it becomes unmeaning, irrever-
ent and sacrilegious.

What makes it particularly sacrile-
gious is the valued hint of some terrible
impending fate if the recipient of the
letter does not heed the warning to
make nine copies of the prayer and to
fict them upon nine friends. Here is the
threat: "It is said he who will not
write this will meet with some terrible
misfortune. It is said that one person



Of course you wouldn't
wear shoes on your head
or gloves on your feet,
but the fact is, we've got
shoes on the brain. They
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did not pay any attention to it and
met with a terrible accident." To the
gull and dupe who responds, great things
are promised in the following: "It is he
who will write this prayer nine days
consecrating on the day received will on
the ninth day experience a great joy. It
is said at Jerusalem the Holy City he
who does this will be delivered from all
calamity." The letter closes with "This
is as I received it. Do not break the
chain; make a wish while writing."
By all means do break the chain, and
if you make a wish may it be that the
starters of such a piece of foolishness
get a fair measure of their deserts at
least. Don't be duped into continuing
such a mockery of things pertaining to
the Deity.

JINGLES AND JESTS

The Platitudeist.
(After W. S. Gilbert.)
If you'd win the world's applause in
a-worship of your jaws, in an ora-
torical way,
You should never be too deep, but be
commonplace and cheap in a saying
of your say;
Do not score the platitudes and you'll
find your way distressed with bon-
quets of every kind and hue;
For a One you'll not be rated if your
talk is complicated—you should cut
it down to two and two;
And the hot polio will cry
As you wink the other eye;
"If we understand this speaker so very
well, this singularly bright young man
this candidate must be!"

Be eloquent in praise of the dear, old-
fashioned ways that have long since
seen their day;
Boast the honest man of toil and the
tiller of the soil in the same old
sloppy way;
Praise the honest citizen quite as if
that chap had been a discovery just
made by you;
Laud the mother up, of course, as the
nation's leavening force, and the
crowd will yell "Hurrah!"
And when he goes away
Each listener will say:
"I could understand each thing this poli-
tician said to me,
ah, what a high-browed thinking man
this candidate must be!"
—Denver Republican.

A Novice's Prescription.
Doctor (whose patient has wasted to
skin and bone)—Good gracious! I'm
sorry I suggested leeches.
The Wife—Well, I thought leeches 'ud
be no use, so I put a couple o' ferrets
at him!—Tattler.

How Could He Wait?
"Ma," began Tony, trying for the
sixth time to say something.
"Tommy!" shouted his mother, stern-

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by, "didn't I tell you not to interrupt
Mrs. Gaddie and me? Wait until we are
through."
"But, ma, I want to say this today."
—The Catholic Standard and Times.

It Depended.

"Don't be afraid," said the woman on
the front step; "that dog likes strange
people."
"Yes, madam," answered Meandering
Mike; "I do not question your assurance
that he would like me. But do you refer
to him as a seeker for companionship or
as an epileptic?"—Washington Star.

CURRENT COMMENT.

ANOTHER VIEW OF BARRE.

As Taken By The Montpelier Argus on
The "Toughest Place" Idea.

The Barre Times is rightly indig-
nant over the claim of a foot tourist
who recently visited that city and in a
communication to the Springfield Re-
publican characterized the Granite city
as "the toughest place of its size in the
United States." Now the Capital never
looks upon a view of the situation of Barre
as a good neighbor. It has hostile and
muscle and is hammering its way in the
world with resistless, ceaseless energy.
Like Montpelier it enjoys the fruits of
toil from the granite quarries in the
town of Barre and Williamstown and its
constantly increasing business is help-
ing to keep the population of Vermont
moving in the right direction. Barre
has to beat down a larger foreign popu-
lation than Montpelier, yet it is facing
tasks nobly and well, and we believe
in the end will make good citizens even
out of those men who have grown up
under oppressive government and who
cannot at first realize that there can be
any good in government. Maybe, this
portion of the population is not large,
yet, no matter how small it is its ad-
vocates will always have listeners. Her
schools are praised everywhere, her po-
lice force and her city government will
average up with any in the country.
Graft is yet to be charged against her
city officials, who are a clean lot of
citizens, men with homes and families,
actively interested in the welfare and
progress of their town. Probably few
cities of her size, and at least, none of
the complexion of her citizenship is
taken care of by such a small police de-
partment and the size of a force any-
where depends on the character and so-
briety of that town's citizens. Barre
has had her "affairs" in the past, but
so have other places. She has among
her citizens a quick race, but most of
them are good citizens and their chil-
dren will be as ready to fight for the
stars and stripes as were those of any
other nationality whenever that time
comes.—Montpelier Argus.

THE SCRAP BOOK

LOVING.
Unless you can think when the song is
done
No other is soft in the rhythm;
Unless you can feel when left by one
That all men else go with him;
Unless you can know when ungrained by
his breath
That your beauty itself wants proving;
Unless you can swear, "For life, for
death"
Oh, fear to call it loving!

Unless you can muse in a crowd all day
On the absent face that fixed you;
Unless you can love as the angels may,
With the tread of heaven betwixt
you
Unless you can dream that his faith is
fast
Through beehiving and unbecoming;
Unless you can die when the dream is
past
Oh, never call it loving!
—Mrs. Browning.

The Coat With a Hole in It.
An old colored farmer near Washing-
ton, having sold his crops, came to
town to find a safe place for his mon-
ey. He consulted a friend, who took
him to the People's bank, which had
been established for colored people.
Introduced him, deposited his money
and got a bank book for him. When
the farmer came to deposit the money
for the next crop he found a colored
man in charge and asked:
"What's de president, mister?"
"He has resigned, and I have his
place now."

"You got de white gemman's place
now?"
"Yes, and I hope to serve you just
as well as he did and be equally
worthy of your patronage."
"You might be dat, Mr. President,
but I'd lak fer you ter hand me dat
money I jst gib you and gib me back
what I 'posited las' time, too. If you
please, I done tuck notus dat when-
ever a white man gibs a nigger his
coat the coat is got a hole in it sho."

The bank soon afterward failed, and
the depositors lost everything.—Lip-
pincott's.

He Did His Best.
A hungry Irishman went into a res-
taurant on Friday and said to the wait-
er:
"Have yes any whale?"
"No."
"Have yes any shark?"
"No."
"Have yes any swordfish?"
"No."
"Have yes any jellyfish?"
"No."
"All right," said the Irishman, "Then
bring me ham and eggs and a beef-
steak smothered wid onions. The Lord
knows I asked for fish."—Ladies' Home
Journal.

Opened by Mistake.
The man had been rushed to the hos-
pital and after a hurried diagnosis was
operated upon for appendicitis. But
the surgeon found nothing wrong with
his appendix, so he sewed him up and
sent the man back to his wife with
this note pinned to his clothes: "Dear
Madam: I opened your male by mis-
take. Humbly beg your pardon. Dr.
Black."

As the Day Saw It.
An Englishman tells the story of a
man who saw an exceedingly knowl-
ing man standing in front of a bar.
Finally he could restrain himself
no longer and said: "Hey, mister, you'd
better get away from there. You're
drunk."

CONSIDER FAIRBANKS
TO HAVE BEEN INSANE

Witnesses for Defense of Man Charged
With Murder Make Strong Life
Net for the Prisoner to
Fall Into.

Brattleboro, Oct. 29.—The defense so
strongly fortified its position yesterday
in its issue of insanity that it may keep
Fairbanks now on trial for the murder
of Mary Groat, from the gallows. Every
witness reinforced this contention.
The first witness was George Town-
send, who was recalled to give further
testimony in regard to the condition of
Fairbanks. He went on to say that the
accused came to his farm Thursday and
remained until Saturday. This was in
the week previous to the tragedy. The
witness said that as encouraged Fair-
banks to stay with him, but he broke
out "Man, God nor the devil can't keep
me here. I'll then appeared to be ex-
cited and his eyes seemed to be staring.
Townsend said that Fairbanks had failed
in his looks and that his general phys-
ical condition seemed to be at a low
point. He talked in a disconnected way.
Mr. Townsend said that he considered
him to be out of his head.
Charles Townsend, a son of the first
witness, said that he assisted Fairbanks
to the house when he suffered a sun-
stroke in 1906, and that he was sick and
unable to work for some time after-
wards. He noticed the staring expres-
sion of Fairbanks' eyes, he said, and ob-
served that he was all run down. Town-
send continued to testify to the bad
spells that Fairbanks had at night.
These were always followed by severe
headaches the next day, he continued.
At times he said he appeared to be men-
tally deranged. He made this remark
and so had the family, went on the wit-
ness, at the time Fairbanks was working
at his home.

Arthur Welch of Claremont, N. H., said
that Fairbanks had worked for him four
months in 1903, and that he boarded
with him. Mrs. Fairbanks accompanied
her husband. "Fairbanks had spells of
being very talkative," he went on, "and
again he would not say a word. He had
spells with his head when his face would
flush and veins stand out from his fore-
head."
James Carroll testified as to seeing
Fairbanks at the station in Bellows
Falls at nine o'clock, and again at eleven
o'clock on the morning of the tragedy
and that the accused told him that he
was on the way to his home to get a
job. Fairbanks promised to come to
Claremont the next day to find the job.
Witness said that he saw nothing of
Mrs. Tuttle nor of the colored woman at
the station when it was testified that
the death threats were made.
At times, he said, Fairbanks showed
mental derangement. His talk was at
times a sort of ramble, sometimes he
would be obliged to speak to him several
times before he could get Fairbanks' at-
tention. He told of bad spells that
Fairbanks had. He stared at the floor,
he went on to testify, and his face be-
came flushed. He often talked to him-
self, and when spoken to would jump
with a surprised expression on his face.
At other times he would not speak. The
witness said: "I considered him insane
and remarked that I thought so at the
time."

THINGS THEATRICAL.

Annie Russell is to appear in a new
play called "Paid in Full."
Nance O'Neil is not to appear in "His
House in Order," in which John Drew
is to star.
It is claimed for "The Merry Widow"
that it is the biggest success in light
opera since "Ernani."
Wilton Lackaye is to appear in "The
Sagehen" in New Orleans and other
prominent southern cities.
George Broadhurst has completed the
scenario of a play in which Douglas
Fairbanks is to star next season.
Mrs. Leslie Carter is to make a tour
in "Du Barry," "Zaza" and "Camille."
John Luther Long is writing her a new
play.
Henry W. Savage has made a propo-
sition for a tour of the United States
by the company now playing "The
Gypsy Baron" in Leipzig.
Four companies are now playing
George Broadhurst's "The Man of the
Hour." The original company will re-
main for its second winter at the Sa-
voy theater, New York.
Gertrude Quinlan, who played the
role of the boarding mistress' daugh-
ter in "The College Widow" and made
a big hit, is to play the leading com-
edy role in "Tom Jones."

MONEY MATTERS.

French units coined \$84,000 of
Swiss coins last year.
The Italian government has decided
on an issue of ten and five lire notes
for a sum of \$20,000,000.
At present all Canadian coins are
minted in London, but after this month
they will be turned out at the Otta-
wa mint. The profit, which is now
nearly half a million dollars, will ac-
cure to the Dominion government.
If all the money in the world was
equally divided among all the people
in the world each person would have
just \$7.50 at the time of division. This
would not be enough to pay off the
per capita public debts of the principal
nations.

Woman's Realm.

Of the nineteen women members of
the parliament of Finland all but one
are total abstainers.
Miss Jennie Kendall, one of New
Hampshire's two women deputy sher-
iffs, has just joined a woman suffrage
club in her home town. The women
secretaries are doing splendid work.
The ranks of the woman suffragists
have been augmented within the year
by 12,000 working women, banded to-
gether in various cities in "political
equality leagues of self supporting
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and guns;
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sins;
For bread the soldier dies in siege or
fray;
For bread the minstrel carols night and
day;
For bread men study all that men may
know;
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filled with woe;
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